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Leicester,  
Nov. 11. 1868.

Dear friend Garrison,

I truly Congratulate you on the appointment of Mr. Villard to the Secretaryship of the Social Science Assoc<sup>n</sup>. That Socy. has labored, - in the nautical sense, - & failed to make much headway, for the want of just such an officer. It was a spirit without a body, - a will, without a hand; & had the greatest difficulty in getting at anybody, though it had a plenty to communicate. I judge Mr. V. to be the man to fill the void, & to make the Society a powerful working battery by furnishing the communication with "the rest of mankind". And in the congratulation I include your wife, Fanny, & all of you, of course. I wish we might hear that Mrs. G. was quite comfortable again, & that she might have a long season of enjoying Fanny,

Society & that of her husband and child.

Still we don't see Webb.

Having a desire all summer, hitherto unfulfilled, to visit some friends in Blackstone, we are thinking a little of going thither this week; & if we do shall probably push on to Providence & make a call upon Webb & his daughter. I had a note from him the other day. Dr. D. seemed to be very sanguine he could help him, though Webb himself was not so. Nor did he appear to be quite determined as to Deborah's going to Florida this winter, - tho', when at Syracuse, he spoke of it as the thing, which, above all others, D. would prefer, & he should prefer for her. -

As soon as I heard from Frank that his mother's impaired health had rendered it necessary to postpone



Mr. Webb is coming to your house,  
I wrote to Webb, to ask him to  
substitute our house for yours, —  
& come from Providence directly here,  
— telling him of the methods, and  
promising to meet him at Worcester.

He replied at once, but was unable,  
being in Dr. D.'s hands, to fix any  
time. We are expecting him, when  
he moves, — altho' the really  
pleasant season for visiting Leicester  
has now quite passed. Winter  
seems to be impending, — indeed  
has blown upon us sternly a good  
many times.

I expect to be in Boston at the  
Woman's Suffrage Convention, and  
perhaps Mr. May too.

Please tell Frank I do not  
forget his request.

Very truly Yours

Saml. May Jr

Does "Roxbury" continue the right address?  
(over)

P. S. I don't write, to compel, or  
lay you under any kind of  
obligation, to reply. We  
sh<sup>d</sup>. be very glad to know how  
Mrs. G. is; but, beyond that,  
I could not wish you to write  
now; — for I know how much  
y<sup>r</sup>. time & strength are drawn  
upon, day & night.